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In the Specification

Please replace paragraphs [0028] and [0029] with the following:

In the above-mentioned example, the flow of the treating liquid counters the flow of the liquid undergoing treatment, but both liquids can also flow in the same direction. Particularly, in the hollow-fiber membrane module of Fig. ~~2~~1, it is possible that the outlet port ~~2~~9 for the liquid undergoing treatment provided in the header ~~8~~10 at one end of the cylindrical casing 3 is used as the inlet port for the liquid undergoing treatment, while the inlet port 7 for the liquid undergoing treatment provided in the header 8 at the other end is used as the outlet port for the liquid undergoing treatment.

Furthermore, the liquid undergoing treatment can be made to flow outside the hollow-fiber membranes, while the treating liquid can be made to flow inside the hollow-fiber membranes. Particularly in the hollow-fiber membrane module of Fig. ~~2~~1, it is possible that the liquid undergoing treatment can be made to flow inside the cylindrical casing 3 from the inlet port 1 to the outlet port 2, ~~for the treating liquid provided in the header 8 at one end of the cylindrical casing 3 is used as the inlet port for the treating liquid, while the inlet port for the treating liquid provided in the header at the other end is used as the outlet port for the treating liquid~~ and the treating liquid can be made to flow inside the hollow-fiber membranes from the inlet port 7 of the header 8 to the outlet port 9 of the header 10.